

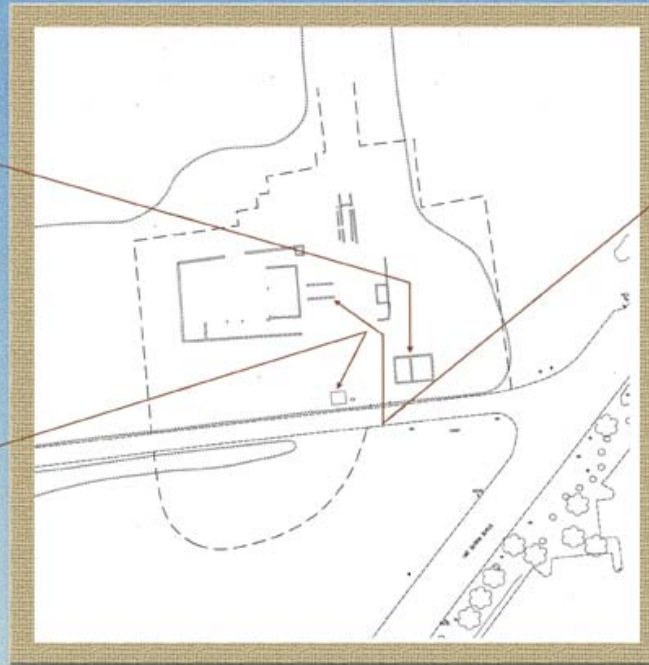
# THE RUINS OF A FARMSTEAD



The basement of the house.



Standing foundations.



Animals and wagons would have used this ramp to enter the bank barn.



Come have fun and help us untangle the mysteries of the Weldin Site!

The Weldin Plantation Archaeological Site (7NC-B-11) is a farmstead dating from the early 1700s to the early 1900s. The farm was both owner and tenant occupied throughout its history. Archaeological excavations at the site may provide information concerning differences in how people lived and farmed throughout different time periods.

The Weldin Plantation Site is unusual because there are extensive above ground foundations, some as high as ten feet. Most of the existing foundations date to the 1870s or 1880s, when Jacob Weldin put a lot of effort into converting the farm from primarily growing crops to a dairy farm. As a result, there is the opportunity for the site to be used to provide interpretation to the public concerning the landscape, layout, and operation of a substantial dairy farm during the mid/late nineteenth century.

A portion of the site may be adversely affected by the Blue Ball Properties Area Transportation Improvement Project. As a component of the mitigation, the Federal Highway Administration, Delaware Department of Transportation, and Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control have proposed the development of portions of the site into an educational exhibit. The site is located within a planned state park. Walking paths, interpretive signs and maps, stabilization and maintenance of the existing foundations, and educational programs are all under consideration.

The Weldin Plantation Site is an unique and important resource and can be used to interest the public and teach them about Delaware's rich history.

